

SHYLOCK HOMES OFFERS \$1,000 CASH FOR YOUR SOLUTIONS TO HALL MURDER



RALPH V. N. GORSLINE, for whom it is reported a warrant has been issued charging him with being an accessory to the Hall-Mills slayings, first came into the case when police were told a green car had been at the scene of the murder. Gorsline had a green car.

MRS. ELEANOR MILLS paid with her life for the love she bore the Rev. Edward W. Hall. The pretty choir singer, who wrote impassioned letters to the pastor and received many from him, was lured from her home on the night of the murder by a mystery telephone call.

MRS. FRANCES STEVENS HALL, wife of the Rev. Hall, is at liberty in \$15,000 bail charged with murdering her husband and his choir singer. Mrs. Hall admits she left her home on the night of the murder but denies she was at the scene of the slayings.

THE REV. EDWARD W. HALL'S name now is associated with other women besides Mrs. Mills, who was killed with him. One of these may have been responsible for his death.

MRS. JANE GIBSON, the "pig woman," says she was at the scene of the Hall-Mills slayings and saw a "woman in grey" and a "bushy haired" man. Mrs. Gibson has identified Mrs. Hall as being at the scene of the murder but Mrs. Nellie Russell has contradicted the "pig woman's" story.

Here's Opportunity For All to Show Detective Ability

By **SHYLOCK HOMES**

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It is my privilege today to open the famous Hall-Mills murder case to every reader of *The GRAPHIC* who has a theory which may lead to its solution. Every man and woman with a sense of curiosity is a detective at heart. I am a great detective and the greatest satisfaction I get out of life is in training those whose ambition it is to become a part of my fascinating profession.

Shylock Has a Solution

I have studied the Hall-Mills case for four years and I sincerely believe that I have solved it. My solution will coincide with the facts as accepted in court when a conviction is reached. I know what tremendous interest this case has aroused, and it is at the suggestion of my friend, Watson, who has followed me through



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every great mystery in my career, that I open today the greatest detective game ever conceived in the history of criminology.

Before I leave for England I want the readers of *The GRAPHIC* to solve the Hall-Mills murder case with me.

This is more than a pastime. It will make your brain keener. It will enable you to know human nature and it will mean a big cash prize for you if you become interested in what I have to say.

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes

Today I am offering \$1,000 in cash for the solution of this famous New Jersey murder. Time flies, and the murderer or murderers may be even this minute preparing to flee, so that I must have my solution quickly.

The first correct solution will solutions which come in will will a cash prize of \$500. Other be awarded prizes ranging downward from \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the thousand dollars is exhausted. Every letter which comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

I am asking you to write your solution in not more than 500 words, as I will have much to read. The solution will be based not only on my theory but on the final findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

Write Your Solution Today

All letters containing solutions must be in my hands within sixty days from today, but remember that you may write a solution at once which may win. **THE FIRST CORRECT SOLUTION WINS. IF YOU HAVE A THEORY, WRITE IT NOW.**

Shylock Holmes's Last Case

"You of all men, Shylock, should be able to solve this case for the great American public," said Watson today in our little rooms on Baker Street. "Why not take a final fling at it before you retire?"

I filled my pipe before I replied and then the idea came to me like a flash!

"Watson, I know the solution of this mystery. It is as plain as daylight. But I will go you one better. Why not let the great American public solve it while guided by my experience and what I know about this baffling crime?"

Indorsed by Watson Himself

"By Jove, you're right!" said Watson, with enthusiasm. "That is the best thought you have ever had! We'll do it through the columns of *The New York Evening GRAPHIC* and we'll offer \$1,000 in

prizes for the first correct solution."

If you're baffled by this crime read this newspaper. Follow the developments. Every day you will receive in my article some of my theories which will lead you in the right direction. **BUT I WANT YOU TO FORM YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.**

In writing your solution, remember there must be a motive for the crime. You must state how many you believe were involved. You must mention their names. All this you can outline in 500 words.

The Story of the Case

Tomorrow I will outline the case as I see it. It is high time I got into it. The present investigation

by the special prosecutor might be given a little impetus. Keep the story of the case in mind. Briefly here it is:—

The Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler Hall had been found dead with Mrs. Eleanor Mills. Both were shot. The pastor was married to Frances Stevens Hall, a woman of fine reputation. She was eight years older than her husband. She believed in a spiritual love. Dr. Hall preferred the physical. Mrs. Mills, a beautiful woman, with a voice like an angel, attracted him. She had attracted men before.

To start with, here is something for you to work on: Her husband, James Mills, is a passive and seem-

ingly colorless individual. She had had love affairs before he married her. Her husband did not hold her interest.

Did she have another sweetheart besides Dr. Hall?

Think of a Motive

Remember these points! Always carry the motive in mind. Two persons could have committed this crime, logically. One is Mrs. Hall, the pastor's widow, now under arrest, and the other is James Mills, the widower of the murdered woman.

I have learned that Mills was the meek and mild type of husband. It is reported to me that Mrs. Mills was determined to have her own way with him at all times. She did as she pleased. A few times she beat him. I have established the fact that on different occasions she struck him, even with pieces of furniture.

A Crime of Passion

When she was found dead, her throat was cut. This was a crime of passion and revenge. Some one deeply injured by Mrs. Mills did this. **IT WAS SOME ONE WHO FELT, ALSO, A SENSE OF INJURY THROUGH THE LOVE AFFAIR OF DR. HALL AND MRS. MILLS.**

Was the murder premeditated or the result of sudden fury after an argument?

Remember, in writing your solution, that the fact that certain people apparently involved are not under arrest at this time makes no difference in your theory. Write what you believe has happened. You may send in as many solutions as you want. This murder case has many angles. Tomorrow I will outline some more of them to guide you. **I AM CONVINCED THAT I KNOW THE TRUTH OF THIS CASE,** but I want to pay thousand dollars to those who send me the first correct solution.

Address your letters to:—

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ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mrs. John P. Kelley of Brookline, Mass., announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Adeline Kelly, to John H. Johnson, president of the Boston Buick Company.

MISS FLEMING TO MARRY

Miss Bertha Jane Fleming, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Fleming, will be married to Franklin Baylis Dezendorf on Sunday night.

Solve Hall Murder--Get \$1,000



SHYLOCK HOMES, that astute detective, is on the job again. He has worked out a solution of the crime which will be the same as that of the findings of a court when the Hall-Mills case goes to trial. If your solution coincides with his, and if it is in first, you win a cash prize.



SENATOR ALEX SIMPSON